

ABSTRACT

A method of job retention for an imaging device is provided. The method includes receiving an archive file containing one or more print jobs, performing one or more operations based on the archive file type received, and translating each print job of the received archive file into a print-ready format. The method further includes performing one or more user defined operations. In addition, an imaging device is provided that includes a processor adapted to receive and recognize archive files from one or more sources and perform operations based on the archive file type. Each archive file comprises one or more print jobs. A storage device is coupled to the processor and adapted to store archive files and print jobs. The processor is coupled to one of an integral translator or an external translator that is adapted to translate each print job of the archive files into a print-ready format.